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SUBJECT: UN ENVOY ELIASSEN BRIEFING ON AU/UN ROADMAP

¶1. (SBU) In a July 6 briefing for chiefs of mission in advance of the upcoming Tripoli meetings (July 15-16), UN Secretary -General Special Envoy for Darfur Mr. Jan Eliasson discussed recent efforts made in support of the three-phased AU/UN roadmap. He described the "convergence" phase of the roadmap as coming to an end, and hoped that by the end of the Tripoli meetings, the "pre-negotiations" stage would begin.

¶2. (SBU) Eliasson said that the UN and AU had cast their nets wide during consultations over the previous months, meeting with civil society members, Sudanese government officials and non-signatories. (Note: AU Special Envoy Dr. Salim Salim was not present at the briefing. End note.) He described the consultations as "high quality," with the goal of building broad support for the political process. At the end of the "pre-negotiations" stage, he said, UNSYG Ban ki-Moon and AU Chairman Alpha Konare would formally invite selected participants to joint the third phase of "negotiations." Eliasson did not give a detailed timeline for this, saying only that he hoped the third phase would take place during late summer.

¶3. (SBU) Eliasson also briefed on his recent trip to West Darfur. IDP camps were becoming increasingly politicized, he said, and camp representatives' main concerns centered on security and compensation, with much less concern around the role of non-signatories or power-sharing. Eliasson was worried that without a political settlement by the end of this year, the "new realities" on the ground would effectively block any peace negotiations. (Note: see reftels for Khartoum reporting on the same subjects).

¶4. (SBU) Eliasson said that the AU and UN were keeping close tabs on regional initiatives (Chad, Libya, and Eritrea) and also indicated that there might be a need for another Tripoli-like meeting in early August. He suggested that this meeting could take place outside of Libya, in another regional capital. (Note: PolOff understood this to mean Asmara. End note.) When asked about an update on the Center for Humanitarian Dialogue's proposed conference, Eliasson only noted that while all efforts contributing to the "convergence" phase of the Roadmap were welcome, they should all be coordinated with the AU and UN.

¶5. (SBU) The Egyptian Ambassador pressed Eliasson about whether he and Dr. Salim were being firm enough with non-signatories who continued to resist efforts to bring them to the negotiating table, contrasting the soft treatment of such individuals with the "very tough" message being sent to the Government of Sudan through tools such as sanctions. Eliasson agreed that the international community needed to tell non-signatories that now is the time for negotiations. UN senior advisor Pekka Haavisto, also present at the meeting, said that the recent alliance between SLM/A's Abdulshafi and Sudan Democratic Federal Alliance's Ahmed Direij was very positive, he said. Haavisto contrasted the two commanders with Abdul Wahid, who he said wasn't answering his phone or returning e-mails.

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